

In re the application of

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REMARKS

Remarks to address the objections the abstract.

The Office Action has objected to the abstract because the abstract exceeds 150 words in length. In response, Applicants have amended the abstract to not exceed 150 words in length.

Remarks to address the 112 rejection of claims 1-10 and 19-29.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-10 and 19-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112 because of the antecedent basis for "the adapter" in claims 1 and 19. In response, Applicants provide amendments to claims 1 and 19 to add "userexit module" to claims 1 and 19 and change "the adapter" to "userexit module" to remove the rejection of claims 1-10 and 19-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Remarks to address the 102(b) rejection of claims 1-39.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 026,500 (Topff et. al) Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-39.

Applicants provide claim amendments and remarks below to traverse the 102(b) rejection of claims 1-39.

Claims 1, 11, 19 and 29: Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 11, 19 and 29 with additional claim elements directed to the limitation of: dynamically loading a message bridge module into said first application; operating said message bridge module by employing a userexit routine; setting a pointer to said userexit routine by making an operating system call to load a userexit module into said first application's memory and workspace; resolving said userexit routine at the execution of said first application, not at the compilation of said first application; and said first application outputting data to said userexit module without receiving any confirmation regarding whether said data was received. Support for these additional claim elements can be found on page 7, line 16 to page 8, line 10 in the original specification of the pending application Serial# 10/375,713. Applicants submit that claims 1, 11, 19 and 29 are patentable over Topff because Topff does not disclose, suggest, or make obvious dynamically loading a message bridge module into said first application; operating said message bridge module by employing a userexit routine; setting a pointer to said userexit routine by making an operating system call to load a userexit module into said first application's memory and workspace; resolving said userexit routine at the execution of said first application, not at the compilation of said first application; and said first application outputting data to said userexit module without receiving any confirmation regarding whether said data was received as described in Applicants' invention. Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11, 19 and 29 are in condition for allowance and that no new matter has been added.

Claims 2, 4-6, 14-16, 22-25, 30, and 32-35: Applicants cancel dependent claims 2, 4-6, 14-16, 22-25, 30, and 32-35.

Claims 7-10, 21, 26-28, 31 and 36-38: Applicants submit dependent claims 7-10, 21, 26-28, 31 and 36-38 in original form. Applicants submit that dependent claims 7-10, 21, 26-28, 31 and 36-38 now depend upon allowable independent claims 1, 11, 19 and 29 and therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 12, 13, 17, and 18: Applicants have amended dependent claims 3, 12, 13, 17, and 18 to correct typographical errors. Applicants submit that dependent claims 3, 12, 13, 17, and 18 now depend upon allowable independent claims 1, 11, 19 and 29 and therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants further respectfully submit that Applicants' invention patentably defines over the additional references cited by the Office Action, including USPN 6,092,102 (Wagner); USPN 6,549,956 (Bass et al.); USPN 6,718,332 (Sitaraman et al.) and USPN 6, 718,376 (Chu et al.).

The foregoing amendments and arguments are submitted to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3, 7-13, 17-19, 21, 26-29, 31 and 36-38 are in condition for allowance and that no new matter is introduced in this amendment. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 3, 7-13, 17-19, 21, 26-29, 31 and 36-38.

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